Castle





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INTRODUCTION

CASTLE MASTER

High in one tower of Castle Eternity, time seeps away for your captive twin. If rescue fails, you are both doomed to become spirit slaves of Magister the Castle Master, who waits to steal your souls!

Decipher the clues, open the drawbridge, maintain your strength against each and every guardian spirit. Three potions, ten keys and a plague of hazards may be encountered as you trespass behind locked doors, explore secret tunnels, descend into caverns or stumble upon treasure and terror. But should you fail ... fear is forever!

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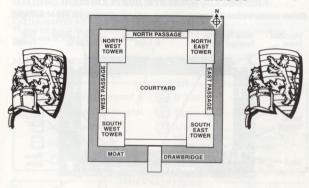
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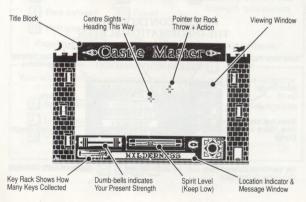
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CASTLE ETERNITY BASIC LAYOUT

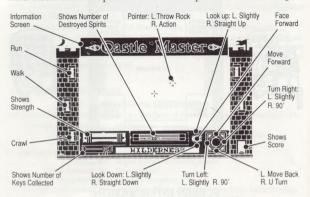


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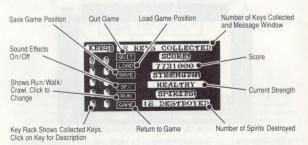


MOUSE CONTROLS (AMIGA, ATARI ST & IBM PC ONLY)

Either mouse button to operate funtion - unless specified L(Left) or R(Right)



MOUSE CONTROLS FOR THE INFORMATION SCREEN



AMIGA

LOADING INSTRUCTIONS AND KEYBOARD CONTROLS

CASTLE MASTER - Place the disk, text upwards, in drive DF0: and reset your computer. CASTLE MASTER will now load and run automatically.

MOVEMENT

* Leave the disk in the drive at all times during play since it will be required should you wish to save or load your game position.

MOUSE CONTROLS - See page 4

Move Forward

KEYBOARD CONTROLS

S Save position*

Q Quit game

JOYSTICK simulates

Load position*

or Move Forward U U Turn					
or K Move Backwards Throw rock					
or Turn Left Action (will eat, drink, read, push, move, collect, examine, open,					
unlock or use as appropriate)					
Pressing SHIFT with or Turn left or right 90°.					
OTHER CONTROLS					
P Look up R Run SPACE Centre sights on/off					
L Look down Walk S Score, Spirit, Key and					
F Face forward C Crawl Strength information					
Halt game I Info screen					
Pressing SHIFT with Por Look straight up or down.					
INFORMATION SCREEN					
Your score, strength, number of keys collected and number of spirits					

Show key descriptions

(Loaded from disk)

keys, fire throws a rock. (Port 2)

Sound effects/music

Any other key to return to game.

R Run

W Walk

C Crawl

COMMODORE 64

LOADING INSTRUCTIONS AND KEYBOARD CONTROLS

TAPE CASTLE MASTER - Insert tape into tape recorder and rewind to the start of side 1. Press SHIFT and RUN/STOP at the same time. Now press PLAY on the recorder.

DISK CASTLE MASTER - Insert disk, text upwards, into drive. Type LOAD "*" 8,1 and press RETURN.

KEYBOARD CONTROLS MOVEMENT or Move Forward Hold both down for double U Turn Move Backwards SHIFT Throw rock Turn Left Action (will eat, drink, read, push, move, collect, examine, open, unlock X Turn Right or use as appropriate) Pressing the COMMODORE key with \(\bar{\mathbb{Z}}\) or \(\bar{\mathbb{X}}\) Turn left or right 90°. SPACE toggles between movement and pointer modes... Move pointer up Z Move pointer left Move pointer down Move pointer right OTHER CONTROLS P Look up R Run Centre sights on/off L Look down W Walk Info screen C Crawl F Face forward Look straight up Pressing the COMMODORE key with P or L or down INFORMATION SCREEN Your score, strength, number of keys collected and number of spirits destroyed are all displayed here. F Music or Sound effects S Save position Quit game

CastleMaster

by Mel Croucher

DRAW CLOSER FRIEND

Draw closer friend and harken Take hold my outreached claw Now anvil clouds do darken Now bilious winds do roar

Take shelter 'neath my garment Don't wrinkle up your nose Assuming there's some harm meant Within my apeskin clothes

What's this? You wince and struggle You wish to shake me free? Draw close, my dear, and snuggle I'll hold you next to me

And let me lisp a story
A saga, from beyond
The reckoning of wormbrains.
I'm not hurting you ... I'm fond!

Dare not to turn your sneer aside I hold no portal yawning wide For sibling scum With dribbling gum Don't struggle, I'm your Guide

And you, you are a player in something more than real
And I'm the great waylayer with every card to deal
Oh pardon, gentle person
Did I just break your skin?
Then stop your stupid wriggling
Let me confess your sin

Any other key to return to game.

JOYSTICK simulates [7] [] [] [] keys, fire throws a rock. (Port 2)

Load position

K Show descriptions of keys collected

I must insist to hush your voice
Within my cloak, you have no choice
It hurts you more than I, young pest
This is no fantasy-game quest
Within illuminated screens
Real life reduced to magnet screams
Stitched onto tape, slipped into disc
Don't move your head, I must insist
And if you do I'll break your wrist

Imbecile! Hold still Mortal! I shall test your will Watergut! Turn your face towards that hill Sweetness! Calm yourself e'er you fall ill

Don't fret, my pet, I won't forget to introduce myself before I've fully told you of myself, you cannot skrug my iron claw From your bejewelled hosiery And all these gaudy clothes I see

> You shall stay and learn a trick Or two, greenface, now feeling sick I'll make you feel much sicker yet Heed ev'ry word and don't forget And don't forgive and don't get wet

My name? Not now! it starts with M
Not Merlin, Mel or Male or Fem
Not Micky, Mao, select another
Not Mantovani, Mud or Mother
My title flashes into view
Before I've tolled my tail to you
I'm thirteen thousand years today
You are my birthday present, play!
And if you want to call me, cur
'Tis best you call me softly "Sir"

Now cast ills caste o'er Castle bridge
I'll speak of what's behind that ridge
Behind before bestride bedpanned
Bejasus betamax bedamned
Bedevilled beebeecee beknighted
Be still become bewitched befrighted
Be! Bop Alulah, What? Insane?
Not I, who causes you this pain

Peek and poke and look to see Now tremble 'fore this historie...

HISTORIE

Before men learned to scribble and to lie
Before the likes of you spoke words like princess, pig and pie
When gods lived not in tawdry chapels, but thunderfooted rode the sky
When sabre-tooth made take-away of man, when I
Was young

Then earth and fire and air and watery rage Then tree and flesh and stone did understand And know the law of Magister, shaman and sage Lord of the Old Time, ruler over beast and man

See where all lines of natural power fuse upon yon hill Where the wars of heaven become captive to the will Of He who mastered time itself and 'slaved it for eternity There did Magister dwell supreme, none powerful as He And then as now did storms express His majesty And summon all to submit homage at His knee The rat, the bat, the ghost and poison'd bumbly-bee

But there was one such creature who made to turn away from Him To blob and daub its skin with dye, to dress in cloth instead of skin To count to ten and dance and preen and cook With fire, and worst of all to scratch the rune that would one day be the book

This creature took on faffing airs and graces
And grew a leery sneer upon its faces
It thought itself superior to bear and bug and all things wild
This creature was a man and woman grown from child
The puffed-up braggart misbehaved
And Master's creatures then enslaved
Forgetting natural Old Time Law
Without respect for that which went before

And seasons passed until the years Became an age that disappeared Then ice-cap crept and kissed the lip Of wilderness from toe to tip And all the while Magister watched Amused as human schemes were botched

They came and went, the stupid tribes Whose leaders, warlords, chiefs and scribes Flapped banners daft as moths in flame Beneath which they did squat, for shame! rs, fishers, farmers, vermin more or less, wild ra:

The hunters, fishers, farmers, vermin more or less, wild raiders too The redhair yowzah yellowed tress, the black beard and the shaven blue And each pathetic nursery band did occupy this hill in turn Believing themselves eternal until diseased, drowned or burned

First mining dwarves came from the West
All ratface glowerglum barrel chest
To dig their shelters in that sloping side
But never deep enough to bore and scrape and excavate
Where Magister the Master of the hill did hide...
Are you still wrestling, young maggot? Kindly wait

Then lowlanders from fen and bog
With reed and weed and snot and log
Did build a puny sticky twiglet of a town
'Til fury's storm blew their erections and protections down

Next raiders from the North drove home
Through hillskin, moleskin, earth and stone
A circled camp of sharpened stakes
They even built a boating lake
A hurley pitch and chariot park
But one moon shortly after dark
Magister quaked the earth somewhat
And crumbled up the noxious lot

Halt! You dare to make to flee And leave this vital historie Then must I weld you on to me Before Castle Eternity Damn your fatted addled head You've gone and made me lose my thread Was it Nazi bombers next Plague rockets loosed from below-decks Or are such trifles yet to be We've done the dwarves now let me see

Ah yes, about a thousand years before
The last believers came ashore
And made a blockstone circle site
In homage to Magister's might
Where leylines crackled magic flux
That 'tranced the wolves and frit the ducks

These gentle folk of druid ilk Ground up their corn, churned up their milk And sat around to talk and think Until they all became extinct

Then Romans conquered here, my dear, drained the bogs and drove away their memories And stayed upon that hill three hundred year, with dogs and poxy gods and fleas Upon its crest they raised a home A palace built of mud and stone For some new warlord chief of men Who messed the whole lot up again And as their empire fell to bits The Saxons boiled their heads on spits

The Old Time broke though fierce again And men were tamed through fear and pain With sacrifices burned inside The ruined walls of Roman pride

Great Magister slept long and deep Inside the hill below the keep The storms that once ate through the sky Did soothe and calm and fade and die The centuries slipped by once more And Normans occupied the shore Their architects staked out this site And ignorant of dormant might They split the hill from crown to base Then cut a moat around the place Now listen well and shut your face...

They drove foundations at its heart
Dressed up their rocks and made their start
To raise that castle's earthly powers
With riddled rooms and four great towers
A courtyard with a stable shed
Where warhorses were bed and fed

The Normans made a smithy true And workshop for the sawyer too And kitchen for the cooks to scoff With hospice when the food was off Five hundred years in peace and quiet With just the odd war, plague and riot

Now then the fools became ambitious
And one such who was overvicious
Decreed five caverns to be found
From living rock deep underground
With tunnels hewn from living rocks
And ten great keys for ten great locks
In ten great doors from room to room
That were secreted in the gloom
The cunning engineers devised
Strange stairways that could fall and rise
But having passed one way they learned
To block the passage of return

But such disturbance did they make That Magister had cause to wake From deepest sleep of centuries And he was somewhat less than pleased To find his chosen place cut through With cave and tunnel due anew Yet he was more than vexed to find That in the intervening time Of slumbering to such great length His godly powers had lost their strength And cursing ranting raving on His magic too was almost gone

Where had it gone, his former might?
In truth, it never left the site
Because it was a mystic place
It drained of him from toe to face
Until there was but one last trace
Superior to human race

Where had it gone, Magister's power?
In truth, it seeped into each tower
In every chamber, every cave
In tunnel, funnel, arch and nave
The stones themselves had sucked it in
Until the castle mastered him

And worse than this, while he had slept Mankind's intelligence had leapt To heights that he could scarce conceive To depths that he could scarce believe

What had once seemed some great magic Was now a simple chemist's trick And even thunderclaps were made By gunpowder and cannonade The secrets of the stars were wrenched By telescope and science bench But what caused the most misery Was disrespect for wizardry

Then Magister crawled on all fours
Up through the ground and out of doors
Into the wilderness outside
The castle walls and he did hide
Inside a ragged wooden hut
From whence to plot his comeback but
The people in the castle laughed
At Magister and called him daft
And called him wizard and buffoon
And threw old fishguts at the loon

Even little infants teased And pulled his hair and kicked his knees And sent their dogs to wet his shoes And made him stand at backs of queues

The wizard's hut became his lair And Magister awaited there To build his strength and body too And practice ways to make anew His former power o'er man and beast He also brewed some beer with yeast Which is irrelevant but shows He had a human tongue and nose Attention! Or I'll crunch your toes

He took the leaf and mushroom cap From stunted tree he squeezed the sap And then with secret oils he brewed Those potions which himself renewed

But still the yokels thought him weird And spat his face and tugged his beard The children that were tall enough Covered his hood with sticky stuff The babies puked when he passed by The sparrows aimed into his eye The priest declared he was insane The baker tripped him in the drain The baker's wife crow'd at his smell Her daughter threw him down the well

From whence Magister rubbed his bones
And muttered spells in Old Time tones
And hatched his retribution plot
By which he would expunge the lot
Thus underground where water lapped
With energy from leylines tapped
He ruminated water schemes
By which to conjour up his dreams
Revenge is sweet but poison's sour
And so he plucked the cavern flower
With which to brew one final flask
And steal the human souls at last

Next morn the king woke and tossed off his blanket And declared an outrageous and disgusting banquet To celebrate nothing whatsoever and at all He needed no excuse to throw himself a ball

Then heralds climbed the four tall towers
Screamed invitations for four hours
To South and North and West and East
That all should come attend the feast
All, that is, except the fool
Who festered in the water pool
The wizard remained uninvited
The king and queen remained delighted

That night the minstrels raised a din The yokels danced the servants grinned The great hall's floor with silk was paved The knights in armour danced and raved

And as the midnight bell was chimed And as the drinkers went near blind And torches gutted on the walls And horses whinnied in the stalls The centrepiece of revelrie Was borne aloft o'er sagging knee There came a giant roasted ox So big the king climbed on a box In order to be tall enough To raise his sword and split the stuff From crotch to chin of the great beast And loose the contents of the feast

The castle folk could hardly wait Such gossip they'd anticipate The kitchen maids had told of how Inside this dripping steaming cow One dozen sheep were stuffed inside And within every sheepish hide A dozen piglets waited there Each one itself filled with a hare Inside of which a duck was laid Filled by a compressed bird parade Each tiny fowl stuffed with a fish Each fish itself a complex dish Containing twenty garlic snails Wrapped round a score of mouses' tails

The king's sword fell and split the ox apart
The celebrating crowd rushed forward to its heart
Hot grease and gas and meat exploded out
All mouths grinned wide and inhaled breath to shout
But even as the yell escapes their lips
But even as the roar the ceiling rips
It chokes and stifles and turns to screams
As from the oxenbelly their worst dreams
Emerge. The uninvited guest stood obscene there
With thunder in his voice and lightning in his hair
With eyes as cold and strong as in Old Times
Magister rose from reeking ox intestines

Then every soul from king to stable lad Did cower and moan before the eyes of mad Magister

THE CASTLE MASTER

Yet death was not to be their fate Because such was his depth of hate That Magister made each soul weep To hear that they would fall asleep Drugged by the brew that was consumed And when they woke they would be doomed Transformed äs spirits yet unswerving Loyalty to bid his serving Taking on the form of beasts Gone was the rule of kings and priests Henceforth Castle Eternity Shall have one Castle Master, He!

And so it was, the stricken crowd
Collapsed in deepdrug coma's shroud
And while they tumbled through their sleep
Their nightmares spouted tears to weep
The horrors that they dreamed became
Real horrors of another name
As shapes did change and horns did sprout
And skin grew scales and tails popped out
And fangs and fur and leather wings
As well as quite disgusting things
From nobles and from common knaves
Transformed into Magister's slaves

At last a fortress worthy of his name From whence to tame man's willful spirit once again Magister stretched his sphere and pulsed his brain Then woke the rested storms to rise and aim and maim

But now the souls of common muck were not enough As Castle Master longed for extraordinary stuff Nothing less than royalty would do Which brings us here at length and last to you

And so, my pet, lest we forget
Why you have wandered far and wide
I shall now let go of your throat
And you can honestly confide
By whispering into my ear
The circumstance that brought you here

Why have you come? What do you seek?
Why are your arms and legs so weak?
What's that you say, you seek your twin?
Your royal sibling rots within
Imprisoned in one tower of four
Full banged to wrongs behind locked door

This story too I know fulwell Lend me your ear and let me tell Of how your mirror image came One year ago across this plain To shelter in the forest glade Where that twin was a captive made

And in the teeth of blasted gale Half froze to death outside the pale Was summoned by Magister's call And frogmarched there behind the wall Where Castle Master's spirits dwell Right up the pole left down the well

No sooner was this twin inside
Then castled spirits ceased to hide
They raised the drawbridge, locked the doors
They screamed through walls they burst through floors
They snapped with fangs and wiggled claws
Until their captive messed its drawers

The Castle Master then declared This pris'ner would only be spared If before one year was through Another came, and this means you To free the contents of the tower And wrestle with Magister's power Else both twins become spirits too Turned into stoats or pots of glue

You will be let free from my hand As soon as you can understand That there are some simple rules Designed to sort the wise from fools In fact before you can begin You must decide how to get in And judge your way in depth and length As well as ways to boost your strength Use your ears and use your brain And use your eyes for clues to gain

Enough! The time for talking's done Your greatest challenge has begun So now as my claw sets you free I'll tell you my identity

Think you still I am insane? My story of your twinself's pain The Castle Master all to blame? God's teeth! MAGISTER is my name!

HINTS AND TIPS

GETTING STARTED

- 1. A well aimed rock will bring the drawbridge down.
- 2. Examine the hanging pictures to study the clues.
- 3. Spirits can be exorcised by some accurate rock throwing.
- 4. Making a map of your progress will aid orientation.
- It is best to walk within enclosed chambers and to run when outside or in corridors.
- 6. Eating food will boost your strength.

GENERAL HINTS

- 1. Examine locked doors for more information.
- 2. Alas, you cannot swim.
- The remaining spirits' power increases all the time. You will be over-powered if the spirit level reaches maximum.
- 4. Examine the keys you collect.
- 5. Collecting treasure will boost your score.
- 6. Crawl to look under things.
- 7. Look out for the Magic Potions.

TARGETS FOR ADVANCED PLAYERS

- 1. First day target 1,000,000 points.
 - 2. Complete the game!
 - 3. Complete the game playing the alternative character.
 - 4. Go for maximum score (at least 7,500,000 points).



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